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SUBJ: ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRUNTHAVER'S MEETING WITH USSR

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE DIMITRIY S. POLYANSKIY

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE CARROLL G. BRUNTHAVER, ACCOMPANIED BY CHARGE ADOLPH DUBS AND ACTING AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE A. PAUL DANYLUK, MET NOVEMBER 15 WITH USSR MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE DIMITRIY S. POLYANSKIY, DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE B. A. RUNOV, AND COUNSELOR FOR AGRICULTURE OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON A. A. KONYGIN. THIS TELEGRAM SUMMARIZES THE CONVERSATION.

2. ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRUNTHAVER GREETED MINISTER POLYANSKIY ON BEHALF OF SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE BUTZ AND CONVEYED HIS INVITATION TO THE MIINSTER TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES IN 1974. MINISTER POLYANSKIY EXPRESSED DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE INVITATION AND ASKED ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRUNTHAVER TO CONVEY HIS INVITATION TO SECRETARY BUTZ TO VISIT THE SOVIET UNION. HE FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT

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SECRETARY BUTZ'S LAST VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION LASTED ONLY TWO

DAYS WHILE HIS LAST VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES (ALTHOUGH NOT AS MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE) LASTED 21 DAYS. MINISTER POLYANSKIY SUGGESTED SUMMER AS THE BEST TIME TO VISIT THE USSR ALTHOUGH, BECAUSE OF VASTNESS OF THE SOVIET UNION AND CLIMATIC DISTRIBUTION, SPRING, SUMMER, FALL AND WINTER COULD BE FOUND AT ANY TIME OF THE YEAR.

3. ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRUNTHAVER EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE CORDIAL RECEPTION AND COOPERATION SHOWN BY THE SOVIET SIDE DURING THE MEETINGS OF THE WORKING GROUPS OF THE US-USSR JOINT COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURE. ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRUNTHAVER EXPRESSED HIS DISAPPOINTMENT REGARDING SPARSITY OF ECONOMIC DATA OFFERED BY THE SOVIET SIDE. MINISTER POLYANSKIY POINTED OUT THAT MUCH OF THE DATA REQUESTED BY THE U.S. SIDE WAS NOT AVAILABLE, EVEN TO HIM, BUT WITH GRADUAL IMPROVEMENT AND MODERNIZATION OF THE SOVIET DATA GATHERING AND PROCESSING SYSTEMS MORE AND MORE DATA WILL BECOME AVAILABLE. HE BELIEVED THAT GOOD RELATIONSHIP AND WORK ALONG THIS LINE WILL AID IN PRODUCING MORE INFORMATION, ESPECIALLY ECONOMIC DATA.

4. MINISTER POLYANSKIY WAS OBVIOUSLY ELATED WITH THE RESULTS OF THE 1973 SOVIET GRAIN HARVEST, POINTING OUT THAT DESPITE DIFFICULTIES EXPERIENCED DURING THE HARVESTING SEASON WHEN FINAL DATA ARE IN THE HARVEST WILL EXCEED THE ANNOUNCED 215 MILLION TONS. THE MINISTER FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT WEATHER WAS A MAJOR FACTOR AND EVERY YEAR INFLUENCED THE OUTCOME OF SOVIET AGRICULTURE. MUCH IS BEING DONE TO AID THE OUTCOME OF THE SOVIET HARVEST, MAINLY THROUGH EXPANSION OF IRRIGATION AND INCREASED AVAILABILITY OF FARM INPUTS SUCH AS FERTILIZER, MACHINERY AND OTHER FARM TECHNOLOGY. HOWEVER, HE POINTED OUT THAT MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE IN AGRICULTURE AND IT WILL TAKE MANY YEARS TO ACCOMPLISH. MINISTER POLYANSKIY WAS FURTHER PLEASED WITH THE 1973 GRAIN HARVEST BECAUSE HE FELT USSR COULD MEET ITS HIGH GRAIN REQUIREMENTS TO MAINTAIN THE EXPANDED LIVESTOCK PROGRAM. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAD A GREAT NEED FOR MORE LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS AS WELL AS FOR ALL TYPES OF PRODUCTS. HE EXPRESSED A SPECIAL INTEREST IN EXPANDING SOVIET BROILER PRODUCTION AND HOPE THAT SOVIET SPECIALISTS COULD STUDY U.S. METHODS OF PRODUCTION.

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5. ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRUNTHAVER OUTLINED SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER'S PROPOSAL FOR A WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE AT THE UNITED NATIONS. HE REQUESTED THAT THE EMBASSY SUPPLY A COPY OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PROPOSALS WHICH HE PROMISED TO PRESENT TO HIS COLLEAGUES (MOSCOW 14249).

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